



Situation Report

File Number
2022-159599

(2022-038) SITREP to AG - Update - Possible Protest Events, Nova Scotia

PURPOSE:

- To update the Attorney General of possible "Freedom Convoy" protest events that may occur in Nova Scotia.

BACKGROUND:

- Uncorroborated information has been received indicating that protests in support of the "Freedom Convoy" may occur in the following locations:

Location: North Sydney, Nova Scotia

Date: Thursday February 10, 2022 @ 4:00pm

Synopsis:

- Cape Breton Regional Police Services and Marine Atlantic Security contacted RCMP to share information in relation to a protest being organized at the Marine Atlantic Ferry Terminal. It is unknown if the protest will occur on HWY 105 or at the terminal itself.
- The number of protesters and their intent is unconfirmed at this time.
- Additional information suggests the protest may instead occur on Saturday February 12, 2022. CBRPS and RCMP continue to liaise to minimize any potential negative effect on the Terminal and its operations.

Location: New Minas, Nova Scotia

Date: Thursday February 10, 2022 @ 4:00pm

Synopsis:

- An online post by a group called "Valley Freedom Convoy 2022" is seeking to organize a "freedom convoy" at the New Minas Irving.
- The number of protesters and their intent is unknown at this time.

Location: Digby/Shelburne to Yarmouth, Nova Scotia

Date: February 12, 2022 @ 1:00pm - 6:00pm

Synopsis:

- A group is organizing a rolling protest departing from Digby and Shelburne and travelling to Yarmouth town hall.
- Information received suggests 80 persons are attending and another 90 persons interested in attending.

Location: Enfield, Nova Scotia

Date: February 12, 2022 @ 10:00am - 1:00pm

Synopsis:

- A group is reportedly gathering in the Enfield area to conduct a "slow roll" convoy. The route is unknown, with information received suggesting 65 persons will attend and another 180 persons are interested in attending.

Location: Berwick, Nova Scotia

Date: February 12, 2022 @ 11:00am

Synopsis:

- A group is organizing a convoy departing from the Berwick area and arriving at the NS/NB Border area at 2:30pm.
- There is a suggestion that this convoy could meet up with the Enfield Convoy.
- Information received suggests that 20 persons are attending with 70 others are interested in attending.

Location: NS/NB Border, Amherst, Nova Scotia

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Date: Saturday February 12, 2022 @ 11:00am

Synopsis:

- Information received suggests that the number of people who may attend is increasing and may be significant.
- There is some information that suggests some persons may attempt to block the border/highway. Other information has been received indicating that the intent of organizers is for a multi-day peaceful protest.
- A teleconference was held with various stakeholders as part of the planning process. An operational plan is in place; the response will be based on number of anticipated protesters and their intent.
- Communications continue with "J" Division to ensure an integrated response is available.

STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS:

- "H" Division continues to be actively engaged and will deploy appropriate resources to promote public safety and continued access to provincial highways.
- The Department of Justice will be updated of any significant developments related to these protests.
- The "H" Division Liaison Team (DLT) is engaged.
- The Officer in Charge of Southwest Nova District is aware.
- The Officer in Charge of Northeast Nova District is aware.
- The Officer in Charge of Halifax District is aware.
- The Officer in Charge of Support Services is aware.
- The Officer in Charge of Criminal Operations is aware.
- The Commanding Officer, "H" Division, is aware.
- "J" Division Criminal Operations is aware.
- "B" Division Criminal Operations is aware.

STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS:

- "H" Division Strategic Communications is aware and engaged.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Nil.

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Signatures

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